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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:
- storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable device;
 - providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device;
 - placing an object relative to the physically manipulatable device;
 - wherein relatively placing the object and the physically manipulatable device
 - and/or physically manipulating the object communicates at least some of the stored
 - information about the user to the responsive device ~~the stored information about the user~~
 - ~~comprises the level of authority of the user.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the communicated stored information comprises the level of authority of the user ~~the level of authority of the user is that of a system administrator.~~
3. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:
- storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable reified device;
 - providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device
 - placing an object relative to the physically manipulatable reified device;
 - physically manipulating wherein relatively placing the object with respect to
 - the physically manipulatable reified device and/or physically manipulating the object to

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~~communicate~~communicates at least some of the stored information about the user to or from the responsive device;

~~wherein the stored information comprises an asset of the user.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the communicated stored information comprises an asset of the user ~~comprises a credit card number.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of one user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:

a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and

at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user; ~~the~~

~~at least one physically manipulatable element capable of activating the~~

an object placed relative to the physically manipulatable element; and

the object being so placed and/or physically manipulated to activate the user

manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device.

6. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 5, where the communicated stored information includes the level of authority of the user ~~is that of a system administrator.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:

a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device;

an object placed relative to the manipulatable user interface; and

at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user;

~~the at least one physically manipulatable element capable of activating~~

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the object being so placed and/or physically manipulated to activate the user
manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device.

8. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 7, wherein the communicated
stored information comprises an asset of the user ~~comprises a credit card number.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 6 ~~8~~, ~~further comprising an~~
~~element which may be used to manipulate the reified device~~ wherein the asset is a credit card
number.

10. (Original) The reified device of claim 9, wherein the object used to manipulate
the reified device is an object that can be placed into at least one predefined relationship to
reified device.

11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a hat.